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Mr. Jim E. Ball, Executive Director
Solano Land Trust
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SOLANO LAND TRUST

Dear Mr. Ball:

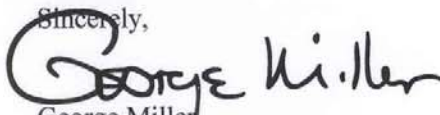
I am writing in strong support of Solano Land Trust's plans to purchase the Eastern Swett Ranch in Solano County. This acquisition will preserve a key piece of critical undeveloped land in an area of Solano County under threat of urbanization.

The Eastern Swett Ranch is a 1408-acre part of the proposed Sky Valley-Cordelia Hills Open Space. The project is a partnership of public and private groups, including the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo; Greater Vallejo Recreation District; Solano County; and Solano Land Trust. Upon completion, 10,000 acres of land will be preserved for public recreation, wildlife conservation, watershed preservation, and ranching. Preserving these lands will have the added benefit of encouraging smart growth within existing city areas by securing an open space buffer rather than having these lands lost to urban sprawl.

I also support this request because Solano Land Trust has already demonstrated responsible project management for working to ensure matching funds. Solano Land Trust has already secured \$1,500,000 in private and government monies towards the purchase of the Eastern Swett Ranch. Solano Land Trust is currently poised to take advantage of an exceptional opportunity. You have found a willing seller in PG&E, but it is uncertain when a situation like this one will arise again. I hope you are successful with your \$575,000 grant request to the Coastal Conservancy which will complete the acquisition.

I applaud your efforts to preserve this magnificent piece of property.

Sincerely,



George Miller
Member of Congress
7th District, California

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April 12, 2004

Mr. Jim Ball
Executive Director
Solano Land Trust
PO Box 115
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Mr. Ball,

I am writing in support of the Trust's plans to purchase the Eastern Swett Ranch in Solano County.

Your organization's acquisition will preserve a key piece of undeveloped land in the County. Currently, the region is undergoing rapid growth. By securing the Eastern Swett Ranch for open space use, your organization is providing an important solution to the challenges of urbanization.

I understand that the over 1,400 acres of the Eastern Swett Ranch will play an important role in the Solano Land Trust's program to create the Sky Valley-Cordelia Hills Open Space. A diverse group of public and private stakeholders have come together for the Open Space Project, including the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo; Greater Vallejo Recreation District; Solano County; and Solano Land Trust. This project will also play an important role in the greenbelt that your organization has helped plan for the communities of Fairfield, Vacaville, and Benicia. Securing these lands will prevent unplanned sprawl and encourages smart growth within existing city areas. Upon your project's completion, the entire Sky Valley-Cordelia Hills Open Space Project will preserve 10,000 acres of land for public recreation, wildlife conservation, watershed preservation, and ranching.

I also support this project because the Solano Land Trust has already demonstrated responsible project management by working to ensure matching funds for the land purchase. The Trust has already secured \$1,500,000 in private and government monies to complete the purchase of the Eastern Swett Ranch.

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The Trust is currently posed to take advantage of an exceptional opportunity. You have has found a willing seller for these acquisitions in PG&E, but it is uncertain when a situation like this one will ever arise again. This is a special chance to preserve what limited open space is still available for our community today and future generations.

I support this project and hope that you will keep me updated on its progress.

Sincerely,



Ellen O. Tauscher
Member of Congress

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April 9, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito,

I strongly urge you to support Solano Land Trust's grant request for the purchase of the **Eastern Swett Ranch**. This acquisition will preserve a key piece of critical undeveloped land in an area of Solano County under threat of urbanization.

The Eastern Swett Ranch is a 1408-acre part of the proposed Sky Valley-Cordelia Hills Open Space. The project is a partnership of public and private groups, including the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo; Greater Vallejo Recreation District; Solano County; and Solano Land Trust. Upon completion, 10,000 acres of land will be preserved for public recreation, wildlife conservation, watershed preservation, and ranching. Preserving these lands will have the added benefit of encouraging smart growth within existing city areas by securing an open space buffer rather than having these lands lost to urban sprawl.

Time is not on our side. We must act now to preserve our future and we currently have a willing seller in PG&E for these acquisitions.

Thank you and the Conservancy Board for your favorable consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO
Senator, Second District

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April 6, 2004

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California State Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

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Your support will make a difference. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lois Wolk", followed by a horizontal line.

LOIS WOLK
Assemblywoman, 8th AD

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TRI-CITY AND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING GROUP

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April 1, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito:

On behalf of the Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group, I urge your support of the Solano Land Trust's grant request for the purchase of the Eastern Swett Ranch. This acquisition will preserve a key piece of critical undeveloped land in an area of Solano County under threat of urbanization.

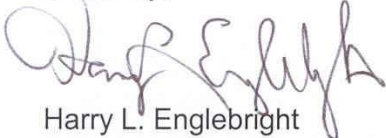
The Eastern Swett Ranch is a 1408-acre part of the proposed Sky Valley–Cordelia Hills Open Space. The project is a partnership of public and private groups. The Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group (Group) is a joint powers authority comprised of the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo and the County of Solano. The purpose of the Group is to protect the 10,000 acre Sky Valley-Cordelia Hills Open Space area for public recreation, wildlife conservation, watershed preservation, and continued agricultural use. The Group has been working with the Solano Land Trust and fully supports their efforts in completing the purchase of the Eastern Swett Ranch. The Eastern Swett Ranch is a key property in protecting the larger 10,000 acre Sky Valley-Cordelia Hills Open Space area. Preserving these lands is consistent with city and County General Plan policies for securing an open space buffer between our communities rather than having these important open space lands lost to urbanization.

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At this time we have a unique opportunity with PG&E as a willing seller to secure and protect these important open space lands. The Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group urges your support on this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Harry L. Englebright
Principal Planner

cc Councilwoman Joanne Schivley, Chair, Tri-City and County Cooperative
Planning Group
Councilman, Bill Whitney, Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning
Group Board Member
Mayor Karin MacMillan, Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group
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March 30, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1730 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito,

I strongly urge you to support Solano Land Trust's grant request for the purchase of the Eastern Swett Ranch. This acquisition will preserve a key piece of critical undeveloped land in an area of Solano County under threat of urbanization.

The Eastern Swett Ranch is a 1,408-acre part of the proposed Sky Valley-Cordelia Hills Open Space. The project is a partnership of public and private groups, including the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo; Greater Vallejo Recreation District; Solano County; and Solano Land Trust. Upon completion, 10,000 acres of land will be preserved for public recreation, wildlife conservation, watershed preservation, and ranching. Preserving these lands will have the added benefit of encouraging smart growth within existing city areas by securing an open space buffer rather than having these lands lost to urban sprawl.

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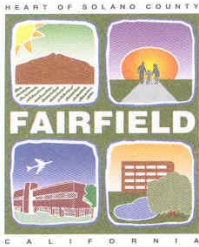
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Your support will make a difference. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karin MacMillan
Mayor

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At The Heart Of Our Community For Sixty Years: 1944-2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

April 8, 2004

Dear Chairman Morabito,

I am writing to ask for your support of the grant request from the Solano Land Trust for the purchase of the Eastern Swett Ranch. The acquisition of this parcel (1408-acres) is critical to the success of a plan developed through a dedicated partnership of public and private groups, including the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Vallejo; Solano County, the Solano Land Trust, and our own agency, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District.

The Eastern Swett Ranch is centrally located to several other parcels that in their entirety would preserve approximately 10,000 acres of land for public recreation, wildlife conservation, education, watershed preservation, and ranching. Having these lands preserved as part of this large-scale effort would greatly benefit not only the residents we serve in our own District, but also those in the surrounding cities and throughout Solano County. As more land is developed for housing and commerce throughout the Bay Area and the Sacramento Valley, we believe that the significance of this open space will become increasingly treasured as a regional resource with state-wide significance.

Solano Land Trust has negotiated with PG & E to draft a very favorable purchase agreement that presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; however, we have very little time to assure this willing seller that this vision can and will become a reality.

We hope you will support this effort.

Thank you!

Hew Hesterman
Park Planner

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Enhancing the leisure and recreational opportunities within our community.

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California Native Plant Society

March 31, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Morabito,

I strongly urge you to support Solano Land Trust's grant request for the purchase of the Eastern Swett Ranch. This acquisition will preserve a key piece of critical undeveloped land in an area of Solano County under threat of urbanization.

The California Native Plant Society's interest in this stems mainly from our desire to protect California native plants, especially specific rare and endangered plants present at the site as well as their associated plant communities and the specialized habitats that support them. This area could represent some of the last protectable habitat for these plants in Solano County, especially in light of the current rate of development.

Botanical surveys conducted as recently as 1996 verified the presence of several species listed among rare plants and plants of concern in the CNPS Rare Plant Inventory.

- *Chlorogalum pomeridianum* var. *minus*, Dwarf Soaproot,
Rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere.
- *Eriogonum luteolum* var. *caninum*, Tiburon buckwheat
Considered to be fairly endangered in CA.
- *Erigeron bioletti*, Streamside daisy
Considered to be fairly endangered in CA.
- *Perideridia gairdneri* ssp. *gairdneri*, Gairdner's yampah
Limited distribution and on the CNPS watchlist.

None of these plants have any State or Federal protection.

Another focus of CNPS is restoration, which is achieved through protection of existing native plants, propagation and seed banking. There are many other endemic plants on this property that are important for this because of the genetic diversity that they contribute.

Keeping the Eastern Swett Ranch as open space and protecting it from development is a vital part of our organization's efforts to continue protecting California native plant species.

I sincerely hope that you will support the Solano Land Trust's grant request.

Sincerely,



Alison Fleck, President
California Native Plant Society, Willis L. Jepson Chapter

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